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FATAL ACCIDENT AT GRAFTON.—The *Grafton* (Harris) states that on Saturday, during the session of the court, a little boy, about two and a half years of age, named John Richard Mason, son of John Katon, aged five years, was playing on a box of hot oil and water. An acquaintance of his held on to the side of the box, and the boy fell in. When the accident occurred, before Mr. A. Leonard, then the justice of the peace, and a jury of five neighbors. It appeared from the testimony that the boy had been playing with a boiling stove with a black boy. The boilers, three in number, were built in black, the middle one containing the oil being

boiler and was playing with his
sisters in some tallow. The black boy told him
to get up and he would hit him, the child
stepped back into the low boiler and the water
spilled over him then pulled him out, and carrying him some dis-
tance put him into a tub of cold water. The little as-
saulted boy, with his brother's arms and legs
around him, was unable to get out of the water
when all the consequences of the accident were seen. The
mother sent for Dr. Houston, who was engaged elsewhere
and did not come until the next day. This gentle-
man found that the victim of the accident had
his arms and legs covered with blisters, and the child
was suffering from the shock, and in a state of collapse.
The child died at 8 o'clock next evening. Verdict
of coroner's jury, accidental death.

CHRISTMAS AT MINNEBOLA.—The good people
of Minnebola do not seem to be unkind to the
brethren of the "Great City." On Christmas
day all the children had the Christmas Tree for the young children
of the Christmas night. The Local Board of the Public
Schools had a very nice tree, and the children
were very much pleased. The rooms were tastefully decorated
with evergreens, the Christmas Tree being placed in
the center. The rooms were decorated with colored candles, flags and
other things. The children were very much pleased. The
children of the school children, the company were called

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stated that the residents of the Richmond did not consider that any such feeling existed on the Clarendon. The statement that certain works at Woodburn had not been undertaken through his exertions, was not true, as he had moved in that matter long before the Richmond people had ever thought about it. He trusted that some of the electors had been stirred up, it would remind them that every name was on the Electoral Roll. At the late election a great number of names were off the roll; in

He frequently moving the police from one district to another and he thought the police force should be permanent and that they should be trained in the best manner possible. He thought that electors should look out for their names were on the roll, but we thought that was the duty of the Government. He was interested at districts to do so. Only the other day he handed a list of forty-seven names to the police, making them the roll, many of them old residents, out of which he was their only chance value the privilege of voting or him. The electors should value the privilege of voting and it was their only chance of taking part in the Government. He was very friendly to the Government, but he would not forget, both his friends and opponents; he would endeavour to forget, as he believed the opposition to be based on political grounds only. He felt it his duty to be fair to all parties and to be just to all interests and to neglect their interests. Whatever action he took would be carried out to the best of his ability, - he had no other aim, going to the Government, he would be fair to the whole of the country. All he would do was to be fair to the whole of the country.

...would be for the best, and if he acted wrong
it would be an error of judgment and not of will. He
...they must leave him to decide, as they could not expect
...all they asked for carried out. He would again thank
...the honest conduct and the broad
...would not disappoint them. He would give his attention to
...all important matters, more particularly the railway
...question and the division of the electorate. When these
...through the election as they had through the previous
... (These.)

...when then moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. the
...-officer, remarking that that gentleman had performed
...his duty well, and hoped that when Mr. Lardner again
...appeared before them it would be as a Returning-officer for
...the county. Mr. Lardner then rose and said that he was
...constituted. Mr. Lardner had put up with a great deal
...it still had conducted the election satisfactorily; that
...it was essential. He asked them to carry the vote of
...thanks by acclamation.

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her acquaintance on the diggings. Lieberman gave out several papers that Meyer was his cousin, and particularly one that was addressed to George Chapman, the musician, at 170 Madison street, on the subject of the diggings. Meyer's acquaintance on the diggings Lieberman wanted to defend him to allow him to assume the name of Meyer, but Lieberman refused to do so. Meyer then told Lieberman that his acquaintance ceased on the diggings. In 1866, when Lieberman was supplied by Meyer with a letter from Meyer to his brother, Lieberman told Meyer that Meyer went to reside with one Louis Lieberman, a brother-in-law of his, on his board and lodging. Lieberman got married in 1868, and ten years ago, which resulted in Meyer not speaking to him. Lieberman told Meyer that Meyer had been in his little private affairs. Time passed on, and in 1871 Lieberman told Meyer that Meyer had a conversation with James William Wood, a man who was a friend of Lieberman's, and that Wood introduced Meyer to some good friends. Lieberman told Meyer that Meyer had some substantial directors whose names would bear inquiry, and that Meyer was to proceed to Germany, and find one or two persons to complete the company. Lieberman told Meyer that Meyer could not proceed to Germany without about \$100, or \$200,000, and that Meyer was to find out how to get that

The company was started, scripped by the
the money raised, and Meyer was assured by the
with the understanding that a Dr. Johnson, a relative of
agent in Germany for the mining
of the £1000.
The companies were registered, and the first
The Victorian and European Steel Mills
and Company, and Meyer was made treasurer
Meyer Mining Company. Wood told Meyer
and that he could not raise the £1000, but had managed
to get some money from the bank.
On the companies
successfully raising £1000 each, Meyer was
to receive £1000 each for allowing their names to
be used.
As Meyer saw some
at Melbourne, he went to see him,
to Adelaide previous to making the multi-
million deal.
On reading Lee's name in the directory,
Meyer decided to write him, as he was such a noisy
dealer in shares, and was getting on his feet.
After such a revealing story, Meyer was
interested in some of the plotters wished to
remain in the directory. During

The family \$25 a week for their support. Meyer was born in Germany from 30th May till 28th October, 1973—in all other respects he was a normal child. He had no friends, no playmates, no toys, no books, no music, no television, no radio, no telephone, no car, no money, no clothes, no food, no shelter, no parents, no grandparents, no uncles, no aunts, no cousins, no siblings, no pets, no hobbies, no interests, no talents, no skills, no knowledge, no experience, no memory, no imagination, no emotions, no thoughts, no feelings, no beliefs, no values, no morals, no ethics, no religion, no philosophy, no science, no art, no culture, no history, no geography, no politics, no economics, no law, no medicine, no education, no profession, no occupation, no career, no future, no past, no present, no time, no space, no matter, no energy, no life, no death, no birth, no rebirth, no resurrection, no redemption, no salvation, no heaven, no hell, no paradise, no purgatory, no limbo, no purgatory, no limbo, no purgatory, no limbo.

A CRUISE ALONG THE GREAT BARKER REEF.

(From the Cook Town Herald, December 23.)

The subject the following extracts from Captain Strachan's journal of the Alton Maad:

"We sailed at 10.30 AM. The weather was slightly hazy, but clear enough to see the coast. We passed several small islands, few of whom, however, have the appearance of the beauty of one of the loveliest tropical islands I have ever seen. The light description cannot be out of place here. A lagoon lies between the reef and the shore."

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ing along the fringed edge of the reef until we got to N.W. end, we shooed the vessel into a little bay and put in four inches of water, within fifty yards of the shore, and wall sheltered from the S.E. winds. We had the people and start to take water on the beach, and the island, after which we proceeded to the other - a round tower of about sixty feet high and -

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

It was essential. He asked them to carry the vote to the banks by acclamation. The vote was carried unanimously.

A SINGULAR CASE.

(From the Correspondent of the Ballarat Courier.)

The Melbourne City Police Court, on Thursday, Alfred Meyer, said to be the son of Mr. Louis Meyer, well-known German banker, was brought up on a charge of having obtained money from the bank by means of false pretences. The case has excited some interest, as the accused was some time ago entrusted with a considerable amount of money by the late Frederick H. Mansfield, for the purpose of proceeding to Berlin to float a mining company. It seems, however, that he returned to the colony without having obtained any success, and that he was subsequently said to be suspicious that he was not the person whom he represented himself to be; and hence the present proceedings. Meyer was defended by Mr. J. H. Mansfield, who appeared for the defence. Mr. inspector Mansfield applied for a remand, on the ground that the prisoner was unable to give any satisfactory explanation of the case, and that the Crown Prosecutor was unable to be present to-day. Mr. Smith said that the Crown had nothing to do with the case, and that the prisoner was to be proceeded against by a private individual, who was there to go on with the case. He therefore objected to the remand unless the Crown Prosecutor was present to carry out the proceedings. (The prosecutor), on being placed in the box, said, "I was not prepared to go on in the absence of the Crown Prosecutor."

Dubbo	16	0	1
Gulpong	6	2	0

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defendant to allow him to assume the name of Meyer, but Meyer positively refused, knowing that his name was

THE CLARENCE ELECTION.

Their acquaintance ceased on the digging of the tunnel. Liebman was supplied by Meyer with clothing and money to travel to the United States. Liebman went to reside with one Louis Muckner, and Meyer for his board and lodging. Liebman got married about ten years ago, which resulted in Meyer not speaking to him. Meyer did not approve of the marriage, and said that little private girl was not good for him. About that time Meyer had a conversation with James William Wood, a mining manager. It was then arranged that Wood should introduce Meyer to some good paying ground, and have him become a director when the mines would bear inquiry. Meyer was to produce the money to start the companies on certain terms. It was found that Meyer could not proceed to Germany without about \$1000, so Meyer

Grafton	..	377	21	109	22
South Grafton	..	133	3	8	4

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cent Mayer, which caused Wood to write home to Dr. Liebman, who immediately threw up the sponge. A 13—

Levanora	..	6	6	3	0
Murwillumbah	..	10	13	3	1
Wahamba	..	1	10	2	2

was charged with being a fraud, and inquiries were
 instituted to ascertain whether Alfred Meyer was really
 a son of Louis Meyer, the great German banker, who
 died in 1906. It was proved beyond a doubt that he was the real son, and ne-
 ver was a fraud.

**A CRUISE ALONG THE GREAT BAR-
 RIER REEF.**

(From the Book "The Great Barrier Reef")

When declared Mr. T. Bowden duly elected to represent
 Clarence in the forthcoming Parliament. (Cheers.)

As Bird Island is in a manner familiar to most of your-
age, few of whom, however, have the slightest know-
ledge of the beauty of one of the loveliest tropical islands
these seas, a slight description cannot be out of place.
A lagoon island, surrounded by a magnificent coral
reef, interspersed with beautiful beds of live coral, teeming
with every variety of fish—some yellow with purple stripes

the attention of the electors to a paragraph containing a blackguard assertion, which

...the water with their prodigious flippers, causing the jacks to swim away into some more sheltered nook. The inside of a coral reef presents a view of such magnificence and grandeur as is hardly described—every colour and hue of the rainbow is represented there, such miniature forests teeming with life, and the many bowers, where the mermaids might dwell, while the

ner on an occasion second in importance to none do not
serve to have a vote for the election of a member of the

the palm presents a perfect paradise. There is the coco-
nut, the palm, tamarind, and also trees growing side by side,
on the banks of the little rivulets the banana, plantain,
and pomegranate trees are drooping with the weight
of their delicious and wholesome fruits, while the air is
scented with a sweet perfume which almost intoxicates
the senses. And it is pleasant in the stillness of a
beautiful night, while the moon is spreading its silver
light on the deep blue sea, to wander along the
beach, and stroll through the groves. As the gigantic waves

to. The electors had been exerting themselves, and that the election was decided they ought to strengthen

night with myriads of phosphoric stars, or when a flame
 of spiritual sun is sending forth its burning rays, it is nice to
 spread at full length under the friendly shade of the huge
 spreading branches of the tamarind tree, where, over-
 come by heat and fatigue, I fell into a gentle slumber, and
 awoke to find myself on a grassy island.
 Leaving Bird Island, we continue our voyage, and run
 off before a strong north-easter, pass Frederick's Head,
 the Lihou Island, Dune Bank, &c., until
 we arrive at the

had made up their minds to have the disar-

very unsettled weather, with thunder, lightning, water-
spray, and rain, for several days, after which the weather
settled to its old quarter (S.E.), and we continued our
voyage with pleasant weather until the evening of Saturday,
the 14th November, when we lay-to all night, and, at day-
break, after continuing our course for about an
hour, we discovered what at first appeared a small is-
land, but which, on nearer approach, proved to be the
point of Balise Island at the entrance of Torrey Strait.

Clarence had sent upon the Richmond, he was certain

When we enter the tunnel we observe a long row of running water in triangular form to a distance of two miles to the west, close to the edge of which we landed, and resting along the fringed edge of the reef wall we go to the N. W. end, we shoot the vessel into a little bay and enter it from four fathoms of water, within fifty yards of the shore, and well sheltered from the N. E. winds. The boat is beached, and we start to climb with our various gear up the beach, after which we proceed to the N. E. end—a round tower of about sixty feet high and—

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